

ORDINANCE # 457C

## Section 1.

Section 2.

1.) Two (2) members RECOMMENDED by the Marlboro County Industrial Council. One (1) member shall be the Chairman or designee. The Designee shall be a member of the Industrial Council. The second member must be employed by a business operating in Marlboro County.

- 2.) Two (2) members RECOMMENDED by the Electric Companies operating in Marlboro County. Specifically, these members shall be the President or designee of the Marlboro Electric Co-operative, Incorporated and the Manager of Economic Development for South Carolina or designee of the Carolina Power and Light Company, Incorporated.
- 3.) Two (2) members RECOMMENDED by the Bennettsville City Council. These members shall be resident electors of the City of Bennettsville.
- 4.) One (1) Member is RECOMMENDED by the Legislative Delegation. This appointee shall be a resident elector of the County.

D. The Marlboro County Council shall appoint five (5) ex-officio, non-voting members. They shall be:

- 1.) The Chairman of the Marlboro County Council;
- 2.) The Mayor of the City of Bennettsville;
- 3.) The Superintendent of Education for the Marlboro County School District; and
- 4.) The President, Northeastern Technical College; and
- 5.) For a One (1) year term, in the following order: The Mayor of Blenheim; the Mayor of Clio; the Mayor of McColl; and the Mayor of Tatum. That rotation of terms shall continue as long as this ordinance is in effect.

### Section 3.

There shall be minority representation in the Partnership. A "minority" for purposes of this ordinance shall mean a person who is a Black American or Native American.

A. Of the eight (8) voting members appointed by the Marlboro County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 B, no less than three (3) shall be minority persons as herein defined.

B. No less than one (1) of the two (2) members appointed by County Council, RECOMMENDED by the Bennettsville City



Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 C4 shall be a minority person as herein defined.

Section 4.

The terms of the twenty members of the Partnership shall be as follows:

A. The terms of those members appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 B shall be coterminous with the terms of the Marlboro County Council Members who have appointed them. However, no such members appointed shall serve more than two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms.

B. Those members appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 C shall serve terms as follows:

- 1.) the term of office of the Chairman of the Marlboro County Industrial Council;
- 2.) the second member RECOMMENDED by the Industrial Council shall serve a two (2) year term, not to exceed two (2) consecutive two (2) year terms;
- 3.) Those members RECOMMENDED by the electric companies operating in Marlboro County shall serve for as long as they hold the positions enumerated in Section 2 C#.
- 4.) Those members RECOMMENDED by the Bennettsville City Council shall serve two (2) year terms, not to exceed two (2) consecutive two (2) year terms.
- 5.) The ex-officio non-voting members of the Board shall serve for as long as they hold the positions enumerated in Section 2 D.
- 6.) The Legislative Delegation appointment serves until the Delegation replaces said appointment.

Section 5.

A. The Chairman of the Partnership shall be selected by the County Council, upon the recommendation of the Partnership. The Chairman shall be a voting member of the Partnership and a resident elector of Marlboro County. The Chairman shall serve a two (2) year term, not to exceed two (2) consecutive two (2) year terms.

B. The Partnership shall select from its own members a Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer, who terms shall coincide with that of the Chairman.

C. The members of the Partnership shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

D. The Partnership has the power to establish and appoint advisory groups and committees to assist in its program of activity. Membership on such groups and committees is not restricted solely to voting members of the Partnership.

E. A vacancy on the Partnership shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as the original appointment.

F. Absence by any member from three (3) consecutive regular meetings without valid reason, as determined by the Partnership, shall be considered voluntary resignation by the member. The Partnership shall notify County Council of resignations due to absence from meetings and other resignations and vacancies caused by death, disability, or other causes, within thirty (30) calendar days of their effective date.

G. Any member of the Partnership may be recommended for removal for cause by a vote of a majority of the Partnership. Written notice of the recommendation shall be given to County Council within five (5) calendar days of the meeting at which the recommendation is officially made. Removal shall be by majority vote of the County Council in public session.

H. IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY ON COUNTY COUNCIL, THE VOTING MEMBER PREVIOUSLY APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF 2B SHALL CONTINUE TO SERVE UNTIL REPLACED.

I. The Marlboro County Attorney shall serve as legal advisor to the Partnership.



Section 6.

A. The Partnership shall meet no less frequently than quarterly and shall hold special meetings at the call of the Chairman or of any five (5) voting members. The Partnership shall adopt such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to govern its procedures and business. Nine (9) voting members shall constitute a quorum.

B. The Partnership through the normal budgetary process shall submit an annual operating budget for this consideration and approval by the County Council. Council shall provide such funds as it may deem appropriate.

C. The Marlboro County Economic Developer, a county employee subject to SC Code Section 4-9-630, shall provide staff support to the Partnership. In the event of a vacancy in the Economic Developer position, the Partnership shall recommend two (2) of its members to search on a search committee appointed by County Council.

D. Minutes of all meetings shall be kept. All meetings of the Partnership shall be open to the public. Upon affirmative vote of the majority of the voting members present, the Partnership may go into executive session per S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70, but no official action shall be taken during any such executive session. Copies of minutes and other official records of all meetings, duly signed by the appropriate officer, shall be forwarded to the County Administrator within twenty (20) calendar days after each meeting.

Section 7.

An Annual Report shall be made and presented to the County Council. It shall include subjects and recommendations for the improvement and advancement of the economic welfare of the citizens of Marlboro County.

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Section 8.

To carry out the purpose of this ordinance, the Partnership is empowered and directed to:

A. Investigate and assemble information pertinent to the economic resources and industrial opportunities of the county.

B. Encourage location of new industrial enterprises in the county and the expansion of present enterprises.

C. Encourage development of recreational areas and tourism in the county, making the public aware of the county's historical background and progress.

D. Disseminate information in the interest of industrial development by publication, advertising and other means.

E. Ensure that all economic development programs are properly focused and directed.

F. Develop and implement both short and long-range economic development plans and strategies.

G. Set and implement an annual program of action.

H. Accept gifts and grants of money from either private or public sources to be used to promote economic development in the County. Provided however, that matching requirements and gifts of real estate must receive prior approval by County Council and all monies shall be accounted for in the same manner as funds appropriated by County Council.

I. Cooperate with any federal, state, local agency, board or commission in the furtherance of its purposes.

J. Cooperate with any interested private concern, civic organization or subdivision thereof in furtherance of its purposes.

#### Section 9.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed.

All ordinances previously passed in accordance with the Creation or revision to the Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership Board shall become null and void upon adoption of this ordinance.

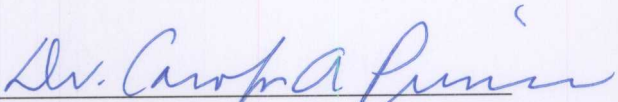
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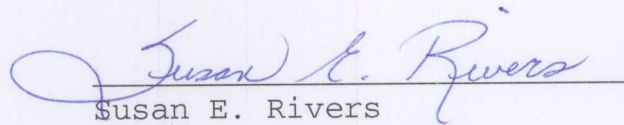
This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by Marlboro County Council.

ADOPTED this 9th day of November, 2010.

(SEAL)

  
Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chair  
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:

  
Susan E. Rivers  
Clerk to County Council

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